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Advanced Practice Advisory Committee (APAC)

The APAC's focus for the coming months is the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) - a nursing specialty area that is not currently regulated in Massachusetts as an advanced nursing practice area. Under discussion will be: indications for regulation of CNS practice; requirements for eligibility to practice, including education and certification requirements; and definition of the role and CNS scope of practice. At issue also are prescriptive authority and the legal authority to order tests and therapeutics. Such additional legal authorization requires action by the legislature.

As part of their preliminary study of this matter, the members of the APAC are seeking demographic data from nurses currently working in Massachusetts as clinical nurse specialists.

Completion of the following survey will assist the APAC and the Board to determine the most appropriate level of regulation for these nurse specialists.

Please mail your completed survey to :
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Name: _____ RN License #: _____

Highest level of education in **nursing**: _____

Certification:

Certifying organization: _____
Certification Credential: _____

Practice Setting: _____

Job title: _____

Does your practice have a direct clinical, patient care component? _____
If YES, estimate the percent of time you are involved in direct patient care: _____

Would your role be enhanced by the added ability to order tests and therapeutics? _____

Would you apply for prescriptive authority if it were legally available to CNSs? _____

Is having legal advanced practice nurse authorization important to your practice as a CNS?

